

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of making a semiconductor device comprising:
  - providing a wafer on which are formed electrodes;
  - providing a stress relieving layer on the wafer in such a way as to avoid at least a part of the electrodes, the stress relieving layer formed to have a sloping edge;
  - forming wiring over the stress relieving layer from the electrodes, a width of the wiring being greater than a width of each of the electrodes at a junction of the wiring and each of the electrodes, the wiring formed to have a narrower portion on the sloping edge than one of the electrodes;
  - forming the external electrodes connected to the wiring above the stress relieving layer; and
  - cutting the wafer into individual pieces.
2. A method of making an electronic component comprising:
  - integrally forming a plurality of electronic elements in a substrate form, each of the electronic elements having electrodes;
  - providing a stress relieving layer at least in regions where are formed external electrodes of the electronic elements in the substrate form, the stress relieving layer formed to have a sloping edge;
  - forming wiring over the stress relieving layer from the electrodes, a width of the wiring being greater than a width of each of the electrodes at a junction of the wiring and each of the electrodes, the wiring formed to have a narrower portion on the sloping edge than one of the electrodes;
  - forming the external electrodes on the stress relieving layer; and
  - cutting the electronic elements in the substrate form into individual pieces.